

REGISTER OF CLASSIFICATION DECISIONS

Title of Publication:	pedo_b_12.jpg
Other Known Title:	Not Stated
Format:	Computer Image File
Director/Author:	Not Applicable
Producer/Publisher:	Not Stated
Country of Origin:	Not Stated
Language:	Not Applicable
Applicant:	The District Court at Christchurch
Distributor:	Not Applicable

Classification:	Objectionable.
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Descriptive Note:	Not Applicable.
Display Conditions:	Not Applicable
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Excisions:	Not Applicable.

Reasons for excisions:

Not Applicable

Summary of reasons for classification:

The computer image file *pedo_b_12.jpg* is classified as:
Objectionable.

The computer image file promotes and supports the exploitation of children for sexual purposes. The file contains a close-up colour photographic image that explicitly depicts the genitals of a young girl approximately 5 years old. The image encourages adult sexual interest in children, and strengthens the idea that they may be exploited for adult sexual use and gratification.

The classification of this publication interferes with the freedom of expression as set out in s14 of the New Zealand Bill of Rights Act 1990, but this is an outcome that is consistent with Parliament's intention that publications falling under s3(2) of the Films, Videos, and Publications Classification Act 1993 are deemed to be objectionable. The classification is also a reasonable limitation on the freedom of expression that reflects the concern of a free and democratic society to limit the availability of publications that promote and support the exploitation of children or young persons for sexual purposes.